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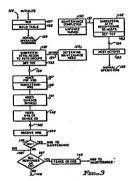
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A data processing system includes a plurality of host systems and peripheral subsystems, particularly data storage subsystems. Each of the data storage subsystems includes a plurality of control units attaching a plurality of data storage devices such as direct access storage devices (DASD) for storing data on behalf of the various host systems. Each of the control units have a separate storage path for accessing the peripheral data storage devices using marnic peripheral data storage devices using marnic process. The storage path of the storage path of the property of the property of the storage path of the storage devices using the control units or the peripheral data storage devices activate the sub-system to request

exconfiguration of the sub-system from all of the host systems connected to the sub-system. The host systems can honour the request or reject it based upon diverse criteria. Upon each of the host systems approving the reconfiguration, the sub-system 13s reconfigurated for maintenance purposes. Upon completion of the maintenance procedures, a second reconfiguration request is sent to the host systems for causing quiesce devices to resume normal operations.



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